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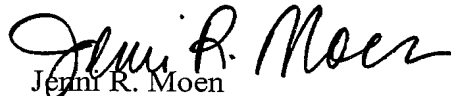
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Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. A Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed March 24, 2006 was filed by Applicants on May 19, 2006. Applicants are currently awaiting a decision from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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